

REMARKS

Claim 59 is pending in the instant application. By this amendment, Claim 51 has been reinstated and amended to incorporate the language of canceled Claim 43, upon which Claim 51 depended.

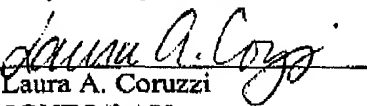
Claim 51 was substantially copied from Claim 23 of U.S. Patent No. 5,691,188 by Pausch *et al.* Claim 51 was originally filed in the parent application, U.S. Application No. 08/461,383, by Amendment on January 22, 1998, within a year of the November 25, 1997 issuance of the Pausch '188 patent.

Support for Claim 51 can be in the instant specification as originally filed, as well as in the specification of the applications to which the instant application claims priority. In particular, support for Claim 51 can be found on page 15, lines 3-8, and pages 39-42 of the parent application, U.S. Application No. 08/041,431, filed on March 31, 1993 (over 10 months prior to the February 14, 1994 filing date of the Pausch '188 patent).

As such, Claims 51 and 59 are pending in the instant application. In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment. Allowance of Claims 51 and 59 and declaration of an interference with the '188 Pausch patent is earnestly sought. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to further discuss this matter if there are any remaining questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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